

**FINANCIAL SERVICES FY2010**

**Rural Economic Development Initiative  
Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development and Ohio Community Development  
Finance Fund**

**1 Pinchot Lane  
Athens, Ohio 45701  
\$800,000**

The recipient believes this is a valuable use of the taxpayers' money because it will create a business incubator like program that will train small businesses in rural communities how to expand and create jobs. Once this model is running it will provide a model that can be replicated throughout Ohio's rural communities.

**Thinking Bigger, Aiming Higher  
Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber  
11 Federal Plaza Central, Suite 1600  
Youngstown, Ohio 44503  
\$400,000**

The recipient believes this is a valuable use of the taxpayers' money because it will create a program for schools throughout Columbiana and Mahoning Counties to provide essential early career instruction to middle and high school students. The program will focus on the education needed to compete in a high tech global economy, in particular the emerging high tech belt forming in eastern Ohio formerly populated by steel companies. The program will also serve as a liaison between government-funded One Stop Employment Centers and regional employers.